



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

### Range and Pasture

**Alfalfa** condition remains mostly fair to good. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as follows: poor 8 percent, fair 30 percent, good 46 percent, and excellent 16 percent. Cotton planted percentage was reported as follows: this week 23, last week 15, a year ago 26, and the five year average 32.

During March, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were very dry due to lack of moisture. There was occasional wet weather in several locations, but more is needed to help pastures produce. Grazing condition was fair depending on location throughout the State. High elevation pastures were in mostly very poor to fair condition, but mid and low elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, and parsley. Citrus produce was also shipped.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was mostly poor to fair. Condition at high elevation was mostly fair. Mid elevation condition ranged from poor to fair depending on location. Low elevation condition was poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor condition. Stock water and soil moisture was short throughout the region. Insect damage was mostly light.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, green onions, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, processed lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley, and spinach. Citrus shipments are nearing completion.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition ranged from very poor to fair. Conditions at high and mid elevations were mostly fair. Low elevation pastures, however, were in very poor to fair condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor to fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending April 16. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Douglas, Grand Canyon, and St. Johns. The highest temperature of the week was 101 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 24 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 22 reporting stations. Kingman received the most at 0.22 inches of precipitation and Canyon De Chelly received the lowest precipitation at 0.04 inches. All of the reporting stations are at below normal precipitation for the year to date.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were mostly in very poor to poor condition. Condition varied from very poor to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition ranged from very poor to fair depending on location. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly very poor to poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly poor condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**April 10 - April 16, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	65	3	92	45	0.00	0.29	-3.40
Buckeye	69	4	95	47	0.00	0.93	-1.50
Canyon De Chelly	57	7	82	29	0.04	1.36	-0.99
Coolidge	66	0	94	42	0.00	2.37	-0.53
Douglas	68	10	88	42	0.00	0.19	-1.57
Flagstaff	46	5	68	25	0.12	3.17	-4.42
Grand Canyon	47	10	71	24	0.20	2.42	-5.31
Kingman	61	5	84	39	0.22	1.13	-2.14
Marana	71	6	95	48	0.00	1.15	-2.31
Maricopa	69	3	94	47	0.00	2.44	-0.14
Paloma	67	1	94	46	0.00	0.87	-1.69
Parker	68	-2	98	46	0.00	0.26	-1.79
Payson	56	5	78	34	0.00	1.44	-5.53
Phoenix	76	7	96	59	0.00	1.57	-0.86
Prescott	56	8	77	37	0.07	1.44	-3.98
Roll	70	5	101	45	0.00	0.31	-0.61
Safford	68	9	92	43	0.00	0.81	-1.20
St. Johns	61	10	84	34	0.00	1.25	-1.19
Tucson	72	8	93	53	0.00	0.41	-2.04
Willcox	65	9	90	38	0.00	0.22	-2.16
Winslow	58	7	82	33	0.00	0.29	-1.39
Yuma	69	-1	96	47	0.00	0.36	-0.64

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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